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For: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-  
HYDROXY-3-OXOPENTANOIC ACID  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

It is respectfully requested that the representative named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application, including an indication as to when we might expect to receive the original Certificate of Correction from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00240-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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